



U.S. Embassy Almaty
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Information Message



The U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce that the Foreign Service Written Examination (FSWE) will be administered on April 8, 2006. This will be the only administration of the exam in 2006.

To take the examination and to enter the Foreign Service applicants must:

- be a US citizen,
- be at least 20 years of age and no older than 59 on the date of the exam (the age limit is based on date of birth; applicants are not eligible one day after their 59th birthday); be at least 21 to be appointed and must be appointed to the Foreign Service prior to date on which a candidate reaches age 60.
- be available for worldwide assignment,
- not have been previously separated from the Foreign Service for retirement, expiration of time in class, retirement based on relative performance or separation for cause.

The FSWE will be offered in approximately 200 locations nationwide and at most of the 260 Foreign Service posts. Registration materials will be available on the State Department's website:

WWW.CAREERS.STATE.GOV. This year all applicants must register online. The registration guide and the website provide information for those who need assistance registering online. Applications for the April 8 exam must be received by March 1, 2006 for foreign test sites, and March 8, 2006 for domestic test sites.

Foreign Service Officer 2006 Written Exam Registration Guide is now available at the Consular Section US Embassy Almaty: 97 Zholdasbekov St., Samal-2, 17th floor. The guide can be picked up any Tue or Thur between 2 and 4pm.